

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

A² 4. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 2, in which the elements (14, 16) of the rigid mould (10) are placed inside a rigid envelope (20) and the pressure application means include at least one flexible wall (36) connected in a leak tight manner on the envelope (20) and that can be forced into contact with the said external face (16b) by applied pressure.

[Please amend claim 5 as follows:]

5. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 2, in which the elements (14, 16) of the rigid mould (10) are placed in a rigid envelope (20) and the means of applying the pressure include at least one leak tight bladder (16') bearing on the envelope (20) and that is forced into contact with the said outside face (16b) by applied pressure.

[Please amend claim 6 as follows:]

6. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 1, in which the rigid mould (10) forms a cavity (12) with a U-section and has a central element (14) materializing the bottom of the cavity and two end elements (16) materializing the sides of the cavity, the holding means (36) normally keeping the end elements in contact with the side edges (14b) of the central element (14).

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[Please amend claim 7 as follows:]

7. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 4, in which the means of applying pressure comprise two flexible walls (36) that can be forced into contact with the said external faces (16b) of each of the end elements (16), by applied pressure.

[Please amend claim 8 as follows:]

8. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 4, in which external pressure is applied to the flexible walls (36).

[Please amend claim 9 as follows:]

9. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 5, in which the means of applying pressure comprise two leak tight bladders (36') that can be applied in contact with the said outside faces (16b) of each of the end elements (16), under the effect of the pressure output by an external pressure source.

[Please amend claim 10 as follows:]

10. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 1, in which the cross-section of the cavity (12) is uniform along its entire length.

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12 [Please amend claim 11 as follows:]

11. (Amended) Tooling according to claim 1, in which the cross-section of the cavity (12) is variable from one end to the other.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS:

12 12. ¹² Tooling according to claim 3, in which the elements (14, 16) of the rigid mould (10) are placed inside a rigid envelope (20) and the pressure application means include at least one flexible wall (36) connected in a leak tight manner on the envelope (20) and that can be forced into contact with the said external face (16b) by applied pressure.

13 13. ¹³ Tooling according to claim 3, in which the elements (14, 16) of the rigid mould (10) are placed in a rigid envelope (20) and the means of applying the pressure include at least one leak tight bladder (16') bearing on the envelope (20) and that is forced into contact with the said outside face (16b) by applied pressure.

14 14. ¹⁴ Tooling according to claim 5, in which the rigid mould (10) forms a cavity (12) with a U-section and has a central element (14) materializing the bottom of the cavity and two end elements (16) materializing the sides of the cavity, the holding means (36) normally keeping the end elements in contact with the side edges (14b) of the central element (14).

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15.⁷ Tooling according to claim 6, in which the means of applying pressure comprise two flexible walls (36) that can be forced into contact with the said external faces (16b) of each of the end elements (16), by applied pressure.

16.⁸ Tooling according to claim 7, in which external pressure is applied to the flexible walls (36).

17.⁹ Tooling according to claim 6, in which the means of applying pressure comprise two leak tight bladders (36') that can be applied in contact with the said outside faces (16b) of each of the end elements (16), under the effect of the pressure output by an external pressure source.

18.¹⁰ Tooling according to claim 9, in which the cross-section of the cavity (12) is uniform along its entire length.

19.¹¹ Tooling according to claim 9, in which the cross-section of the cavity (12) is variable from one end to the other.
